

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for performing a track skip of a read device (2) between a current track and a selected track (30) of an optical storage disk (15) inserted in a playback device (10), a time being determined for the track skip of the read device (2), as a function of the tracks to be skipped in this instance, and the read device (2) being moved for the determined time in the direction of the selected track (30), wherein, in response to a track skip request, the read device (2) is moved in the direction of a lead-in area (20) of the optical storage disk (15) until a starting position (25) is detected; and the time required for the track skip from the starting position (25) to the selected track (30) is determined from this track (30).

2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the determined time is multiplied by an adjustable correction factor; and the read device (2) is moved in the direction of the selected track (30) for the time corrected in this manner.

3. The method as recited in Claim 2, wherein, after the completion of the track skip, position data read out by the read device (2) are compared to position data known for the selected track (30); and the correction factor is adjusted as a function of a difference between the read-out and the known position data.

4. A playback device (10) for optical storage disks (15), having a positioning device (35) and a read device (2) for reading out data tracks of an optical storage disk (15), a time being determined in a control unit (6) for a track skip of the read device (2) via the positioning device (35) from a current track to a selected track (30), as a function of the tracks to be skipped in this instance, and the positioning device (35) moving the read device (2) for the determined time

in the direction of the selected track (30), wherein a switch (40) is situated in the vicinity of a starting position (25) of a lead-in area (20) of the optical storage disk (15); in response to a track skip request, the positioning device (35) moves the read device (2) in the direction of the lead-in area (20) until the switch (40) is operated; and the control unit (6) determines from the selected track (30) the time required for the track skip from the starting position (25) to this track (30).

5. The playback device (10) as recited in Claim 4, wherein the control unit (6) multiplies the determined time by an adjustable correction factor; and the positioning device (35) moves read device (2) in the direction of the selected track (30) for the time corrected in this manner.

6. The playback device (10) as recited in Claim 5, wherein, after the completion of the track skip, the control unit (6) compares position data read out by the read device (2) to position data known for the selected track (30); and the control unit (6) adjusts the correction factor as a function of a difference between the read-out and the known position data.

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